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SUBJ: FOURTH MIR ARSENAL DISCOVERED

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1. DURING EARLY MORNING CURFEW HOURS JUNE 15, CHILEAN AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE DISCOVERED FOURTH ALLEGED MIR ARSENAL IN PAST WEEK IN SANTIAGO. TUNNEL AND ARMS STORAGE ROOMS HIDDEN UNDER HOME OCCUPIED BY PERSONS WHO USED "COVER" OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT AND NATIONAL PARTY SUPPORTERS. NOT KNOWN IF THESE PERSONS CAPTURED. ACCORDING PRESS STORIES, THIS ARSENAL RECEIVED ARMS PARTS FABRICATED IN MIR WORKSHOPS FOUND EARLIER (REFTEL). AMONG "LARGE QUANTITY" ARMS WERE OLD JAPANESE MACHINE GUNS WITH CHILEAN ARMY MARKINGS AND AT LEAST ONE WEAPON WITH BOLIVIAN ARMY MARKINGS.

2. WEAPONS PRODUCED BY CLANDESTINE WORKSHOPS INCLUDED IMITATION OF SWEDISH KARL GUSTAV SUBMACHINE GUN USED BY CARABINEROS, ROCKET LAUNCHERS, MORTAR SHELLS, BOMBS. SUBMACHINE GUN BARRELS PRODUCED SECRETLY BY GOVT CORPORATION CORFO DURING ALLENDE PERIOD ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS.

3. MERCURIO EDITORIAL JUNE 17 NOTES FURNISHING OF ARSENALS WITH SUCH FACILITIES AS TOILETS AND AIR CIRCULATION INDICATES PLANNED USE
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FOR HOLDING KIDNAP VICTIMS FOR RANSOM. ONLY TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES

OF ARMED FORCES HAVE PREVENTED OUTBREAK OF THIS TYPE OF TERRORISM.
ACCORDING TO PAPER, AND CONTINUATION OF STRICT MEASURES
NECESSARY AND JUSTIFIED.

4. COMMENT. APPEARS PROBABLE THAT INTELLIGENCE SERVICES EX-
TRACTING LEADS FROM EACH RAID AND PERSONS CAPTURED TO FIND NEXT
ARSENAL. ARSENALS AND HIDE-OUTS MAY HAVE BEEN VISITED BY EX-
TREMISTS SINCE COUP, BUT APPARENTLY NO RPT NO MANUFACTURING
GOING ON.
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